TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS RESOLUTION 47-21

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE NATIONAL PAL MENTORING PROGRAM FOR THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Introduced By: Acting Mayor Calvin Washington

WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2022 the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) ("DOJ") is funding the National PAL Mentoring Initiative will implement youth mentoring programs that strengthen and expand mentoring services to at-risk/high-risk youth populations, through PAL Chapters; and

WHEREAS, the grant is awarded to attend seminars, workshops, conferences, technical classes, or other related mentoring programs; and

WHEREAS, the target youth include those who a) live in communities with high community risk factors including poverty, unemployment, violent crime, and drug/gang involvement; b) attend schools that have a high percentage of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals and have high rates of absenteeism; c) are American Indian or Alaska Native; d) have one or more parents in the military; and/or e) live in rural communities. Mentors and mentees will participate in positive mentoring activities through PAL Chapters, providing greater opportunities for individual/group mentoring and academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Forest Heights was recently informed it is a recipient of the above mentioned grant in the amount of \$16,200.00 and;

WHEREAS, with said grant funding, the Chief of Police has assigned a police officer to create and facilitate programs for PAL; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland hereby agrees to authorize and allow the acceptance of a Mentoring Grant from the Department of Justice for the Forest Heights Police Department ("FHPD") in the amount of \$16,200.00 for FY2022;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED this $\underline{\mathcal{H}}$ day of October 2021.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

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Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk	Calvin Washington, Acting Mayor

CERTIFICATION

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Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk